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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Patrick A. Harkin

Serial No.: 09/888,890

Filed: June 25, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
CULLING SORTED, BACK FACING
GRAPHICS DATA

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Examiner: A. Caschera

Group Art Unit: 2676

Attorney Docket No.: 2269-4586US
(00-0747.00/US)

Notice of Allowance Mailed:

April 29, 2005

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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July 21, 2005
Date


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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant submits herewith Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal for the above-captioned application and a check in the amount of \$1,715.00 in payment therefor plus five (5) copies of the patent when issued.

Also enclosed are Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance and Fee Addressee for Receipt of PTO Notices Relating to Maintenance Fees.

Applicant understands that no additional fees are required. However, if the Office determines that any comparison fees or other additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees to TraskBritt Deposit Account No. 20-1469. A copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,



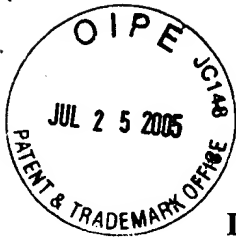
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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance (2 pages)
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

With the exception of claims 21 and 30, the statement of reasons for allowance that accompanied the Notice of Allowance in the above-referenced application closely tracks the language of the allowed independent claims.

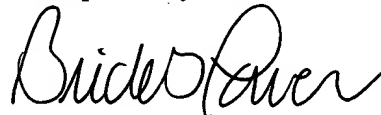
Rather than recite a method that includes "determining [an] orientation of at least one polygon based on [a] sign of [a] cross produce [sic] term and [an] orientation decision variable," independent claims 21 and 30 are directed to systems that include logic circuits that perform certain functions. Thus, the statement of reasons for allowing independent claims 21 and 30, as

well as the claims that depend therefrom, does not apply to these claims and should not be considered to limit the scope of these claims.

While the statements of reasons for allowance that accompanied the Notice of Allowability in the above-referenced application closely resemble the language recited in the remaining independent claims, the stated reasons for allowance are merely exemplary, and should not be construed as limiting, in any way, the scope of any of the other independent claims.

Rather, the scope of each of the allowed claims of the above-referenced application should be defined only in terms of the meaning of the plain language used therein, and in accordance with the Doctrine of Equivalents.

Respectfully submitted,

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